

# REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

## PROPOSITION 21

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#### SACRAMENTO POLITICIANS HAVE DEVASTATED STATE PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

California state parks attract more than 80 million visits from residents and tourists annually, and generate enormous economic and public health benefits for our state and nearby communities.

Yet state parks have suffered in recent years at the whim of Sacramento politicians, attacking parks with erratic, severe and damaging funding cuts.

The impacts of Sacramento's neglect are devastating... parks closed, dirty and unsafe bathrooms, contaminated drinking water, buildings falling apart, dangerous and eroding trails, and delayed maintenance that only costs us more in the long run.

The price tag for backlogged maintenance: more than \$1 billion.

The effects of closed and deteriorating parks, including lost jobs and revenues, ripple throughout California.

#### PROP 21 ESTABLISHES A TRUST FUND – KEEPS PARKS OPEN AND PROTECTS TAXPAYERS

A coalition of citizens and respected organizations put Prop 21 on the ballot as a solution. Prop 21 creates a special Trust Fund that can only be used to maintain our parks and wildlife conservation programs. Prop 21 mandates strict accountability, including a Citizens'

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Oversight Committee and annual audits, to ensure funds are properly spent and the Trust Fund cannot be raided by politicians for pet projects.

#### DIVERSE AND RESPECTED COALITION SUPPORTS PROP 21

A bipartisan group of 300 organizations, representing millions of Californians, supports Prop 21, including:

- California Federation of Teachers;
- California League of Conservation Voters;
- California Nurses Association;
- California State Lifeguard Association;
- League of California Afterschool Providers;
- Local chambers of commerce.

YES on 21. [www.YesForStateParks.com](http://www.YesForStateParks.com)

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